

Deans and provosts conference begins April 7

A conference of deans and provosts of English cathedrals is in Bury St. Edmunds Monday through April 11.

Lakenheath sponsors the group Monday evening. Their visit includes a windshield tour of the base, a wing mission briefing and dinner. Following dinner, the group will see a chapel mission briefing.

Deans and provosts are equivalent the managing director or chief executive officer of organizations in the corporate sector, according to Linda Laws, 48th Fighter Wing Community Relations Advisor.

EQUAL list for overseas returnees out April 15

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) – The latest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available overseas returnee enlisted assignments becomes available at military personnel flights and on Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web Home Page April 15.

This list includes assignments for people eligible to return from overseas in August through October 1997.

Personnel officials recommend assignment preferences be updated by May 2 to ensure the information is updated in the computer system before actual assignments are made. AFPC officials say assignments will be released on or about June 2.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force Specialty Code and rank, and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to more realistically match vacancies that will be filled in a particular cycle.

Local military personnel flights offer a publication titled, "Enlisted Overseas Returnee Counseling Handout" that explains how to use EQUAL.

New listings are released quarterly for assignments available at overseas locations as well as assignments available for those returning from overseas areas. All special duty assignments appear on EQUAL-Plus and are updated weekly.

Military personnel flights and unit orderly rooms have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences. People can access the AFPC home page using the address <http://www.afpc.af.mil/>. Then click on the highlighted "assignments" text.

Power outage at Croughton

All AAFES facilities at RAF Croughton will be closed from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. April 6 because of a power outage.

AF takes applications for medical service corps

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) – Air Force members, officer and enlisted, interested in joining the medical service corps may apply to compete at the Medical Service Corps Accession Board.

The board is scheduled to meet here in October, say medical service corps officials with the Air Force Personnel Center.

The board considers U.S. Air Force Academy and ROTC cadets, and active-duty officers and enlisted candidates for positions within the health administration career field.

Applicants can be no older than 34 at time of application, and must hold an undergraduate degree.

Undergraduate and graduate degrees must be completed by June 1998; applicants must provide their most recent GRE or GMAT scores. The tests must have been taken since October 1992.

Interested servicemembers can call DSN 487-4094 or commercial (210) 652-4094 by April 11 for specific application instructions. Application deadline is Sept. 1. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by SSgt. Valerie Weaver

A1C Christopher McGovern

493rd Fighter Squadron

Hometown: Middletown, Pa.

Role in mission: I load and unload all munitions of the F-15C and D model air-to-air aircraft. I also maintain all weapons and associated equipment for the aircraft by performing functional checks and doing repairs.

Hobbies: Playing any sports, weightlifting, furthering my education through the University of Maryland and spending time with my family.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I see myself either working my way up the corporate ladder in an engineering firm or as a master sergeant furthering my Air Force career.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? I would like to improve the hours of operations for service facilities to make them more user friendly.

Why did you join the Air Force? For the education and traveling opportunities.

Who is your role model and why? My father, for all of the support and guidance he provided over the years and for the strong sense of self satisfaction in keeping myself and my family healthy and happy.

What do you like best about the Air Force? I really enjoy the interaction among the vast variety of people.

Did you know?

The new women's service dress hat and an additional women's mess dress blouse have been approved for wear.

The hat, also known as the bucket cap, is mandatory for field-grade officers and optional for company-grade officers and enlisted members. The hat may be worn as soon as it is available. It is solid blue with a rounded design and the sides form a front brim with a removable band. Field grade and general officers will wear clouds and darts on the band. The large size hat insignia with nickel antique finish and polished highlights should be centered on the front of the cap. All officers will wear the insignia without the circle, and all enlisted members will wear the insignia with the circle.

The additional mess dress blouse may

be worn in place of the current pleated ruffled blouse as soon as it becomes available. The blouse is white with a commercial design. It is short- or long-sleeved with a barrel or French cuff and conventional soft dress-style with turn-down collar with quarter-inch pleats or eighth-inch pintuck pleats in front. Cufflinks and studs are optional. The wing and stars-design oval cuff links bearing the Air Force coat of arms in plain, silver, satin finish or highly polished cuff links and studs may be worn. The studs and cuff links are worn as a set.

As a reminder, the women's long- and short-sleeved blouse with fly-front closure with rounded collar were phased out Jan. 1.

For more information, call HQ AFPC/DPSFC at DSN 487-3996.